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Dear Paul,

I suppose it is the high regard I have for your intelligence that has added to my distress over your inability to project yourself into situations that are outside of your experience or education. I know your understanding of the political has increased enormously since you evaluated the executive sessions as the idle chatter of a bunch of old ladies at a kaffee klatch.

I have no recollection of ever telling you about what I have learned of surveillances and special files, including in the military, on me. This is all very real. I have copies of some, references to others by file identification, and I've actually gone over others. In still other cases I've had people tell me what they could have learned only from spooks, their acknowledged associates. In the recent Ray hearing the assistant State AG openly disclosed knowledge of me that could not have come from what has ever been published about me, his alleged source when I had a reporter ask him.

Knowing this and more is what prompts me to what I regard as mere prudence.

I recall clearly enough your concern over John Christian. I had the same concern but then felt my options limited. As of today I have no reason to believe the suspicions we then shared were invalid. In fact, I'd like to know the identities of a couple of men he took me to lunch with that same trip, on a Saturday.

This whole area concerns me more than you appear to realize. The evidence I have in my possession requires of me what I do and the position I have long taken about Lifton, to whom I do not attribute any such connection. It is care and the desire to be able to do what despite the enormous odds I believe is possible. What unintended but also not understood intrusions can endanger.

You did not share my belief about Alvarez. Yet he was part of Codename Jason. My basis for this belief did not come from knowledge. It was years before I learned about Codename Jason. The belief came from analysis.

It is from personal and professional experience that long ago I discussed with you what the spooks call a need-to-know approach to what I'm doing and involved in.

When we do not see things the same way and when I have to do all these things in great haste, I do not know how successfully I have communicated with you recently.

I got up quite early this morning to write the enclosed letter to Thoads. I then decided to write Jim. I did not in this writing think of you. Afterward I did. So, for your information, I'm sending you my carbons, in confidence and for return so I can file them. They may tell you some facts I have not. I do not repeat to Jim what he already knows but I may have repeated what I've forgotten I'd told him. So, I tell you there is a vast area not even indicated in that letter because I know he knows that. It is Byzantine but he is handling it as a suit for me when he can find time. He has worked on it, has had meetings, has had a cash offer for an out-of-court settlement we both found inadequate at $5,000. Or, whether you can comprehend or believe what I've been trying to tell you it is very real, has been very hurtful to me, and I must exercise what I regard as necessary caution.

My purpose in this letter, for which I really do not have time because in addition to all else I have an appointment very soon, away from home, and must be away each of the rest of the days of this week, is not to argue. It is to try to inform you. It is also another effort to attempt to indicate to you areas of reality that are outside your experience but with which we have to live and cope.

If you have any suggestions re the Thoads letter I'd welcome them. If and when it is possible I would like to get that whole area in court. I think the new law makes it possible.

In the usual haste,